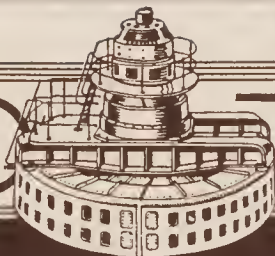


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“The Old Year and the New”

TAKING stock of City Hydro's position at the turn of the year, you will find one item that stands out above all others—the profit of well over half-a-million dollars for 1943.

Besides the record surplus, there are other aspects of Hydro operations for the past year that are worth mentioning.

Although the demand for electricity has not been greatly affected by war industry, there is a definite trend towards increase in the use of electricity especially for domestic purposes. The increase for 1943 approximated 5% and this trend is almost sure to continue until the end of the war. About 1,700 new services were added during the year. A considerable number of these installations went into premises that were being divided up due to the scarcity of accommodation.

In connection with domestic water heater service, carrier current control has been of inestimable value under war conditions besides proving of general satisfaction to our customers. At present, **10,000** control units have

been installed resulting in a reduction of 10,000 horsepower in the peak load at the Pointe du Bois and Slave Falls plants.

Electric appliance sales for last year will approximate \$250,000 even though curtailment in the manufacture of appliances has greatly hampered the operations of the Merchandising Department. It is difficult to forecast the future in this respect but the prospects for 1944 look a little more hopeful.

As regards power production, conditions have never been so favourable in the watershed of the Winnipeg River. The storage basins of the Lake of the Woods, Lake Seul, Rainy Lake and Lake Namakan, are filled almost to their maximum limits. These levels will not be greatly depleted in spite of the fact that the rate of flow in excess of 20,000 cu. ft. per second will most likely be maintained throughout the winter months. With such fortunate water conditions prevailing, Hydro was able to make 150,000,000 kilowatt hours available for its electric boiler services to supply steam heat during the past year and thus make a

substantial contribution to the relief of the fuel shortage.

Indirectly, Hydro is helping to ease the fuel situation by operating a wood camp in the Pointe du Bois area to assist in creating a fuel wood reserve, as requested by the Dominion Government. If the labor can be obtained, 10,000 cords of poplar will be cut during this season.

How about the future? . . . The lease for the Hydro appliance show-rooms in the Boyd Building terminates on February 28, 1945. As the present business offices of the utility on Princess Street are not conveniently located for the general public, a proposal has been submitted to council for the construction of a Hydro Building on Portage Avenue which would accommodate the executive and business administration offices as well as providing a modern show-room for the Appliance Department.

In preparation for post-war activity, plans have been completed for the extension of the Slave Falls plant. This will ensure an adequate supply of low-cost power for any expansion in the industrial or domestic field.

MORE DANGEROUS THAN WAR

SINCE the commencement of the war there have been more casualties on the home front from accidents in Canada than have been suffered by Canadian armed forces in every theatre of operation.

Last year in Manitoba 404 persons lost their lives from accidental causes—most of them preventable.

In Traffic there were 58 deaths and 1,475 injuries, and property damage amounted to over \$200,000.00. Twenty-eight of the fatalities happened to pedestrians.

Industry was responsible for 28 deaths and 3,608 injuries and home and other general accidents took 318 lives.

Nearly all of this because of human errors, because we fail to take reasonable precautions for Safety and because we have not yet realized how serious the accident problem has become.

When driving your car, when walking across streets, when riding a bicycle, when working around the home, when employed in the factory, when playing games, in fact in every activity you are exposed to the threat of an accident unless you do it the safe way with every reasonable precaution to avoid accidents.

Canada's Call is Safety For All.

POINTE CADETS FINE RECORD

THE people living in the Hydro Community at Pointe du Bois have done exceptionally fine work in supporting the war effort. One of the activities which deserves special recognition is the Army Cadet Corps whose outstanding success has mainly been due to Cadet-Instructor Archie McDonald an operator in the Pointe du Bois plant.

The Corps was formed on December 1st, 1940, with a strength of 19 boys, 8 of whom have since joined the Forces. At first, it operated in conjunction with the Manitoba Volunteer Reserve until receiving authorization as an Army Cadet Corps from National Defense Headquarters on December 4th, 1941.

With the able guidance of Captain Cummings, District Cadet Officer, M.D. 10, a keen and competent Instructional Staff, and splendid co-operation of Cadet-Lieutenants,

N.C.O.'s and Cadets, the Corps has had considerable success in its short life. In June, 1942, it placed 10th of 89 Corps for general proficiency; last June it took first place, and the Canadian Infantry Association Shield, with an average of 97.3 per cent. The syllabus has now been extended to include navigation, meteorology, and kindred subjects.

All ranks are striving for a still better showing in the current year and one cannot help but admire the spirit of everyone taking part in the activities of this Cadet Corps.



SYDNEY A. WOOD

THE whole community suffers a loss by the death of Sydney A. Wood who passed away at his residence, Friday, December 10th.

Besides his service with City Hydro, Syd Wood was closely associated with St. Jude's Church, the Kiwanis Club, Fort Osborne Lodge, A.F. and A.M. and he had for many years been an active member of the Board



Sydney A. Wood

of Trade. As a member of the Safety Bureau, of which he was a past chairman, he played a leading role in promoting the "School Boy Patrol" system in Winnipeg. Much of the credit must also be given to Syd Wood for City Hydro's outstanding record in First Aid competition.

Syd Wood left the shores of his native England when he was 21 and settled at Rathwell, Manitoba, for a period of two years. He came to Winnipeg in 1912 and entered the employ of City Hydro as a lineman. He joined the armed forces in 1916 but returned after the war to continue his service with City Hydro. In 1926 he was appointed Superintendent of Overhead Construction and acted in this capacity until his death.

Syd Wood was a keen sportsman, and his genial personality made him popular with a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Syd will long be remembered by all who had the good fortune to be associated with him.



IN THE ART GALLERY

The exhibitions for January in the Winnipeg Art Gallery are:

**The Royal Canadian Academy Annual
and the
Canadian Society of Painter-Etchers**



NEW BOOKS IN PUBLIC LIBRARY

**The Duke . . . Life and Achievements of
Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington**
—Richard Aldington.

Under a Lucky Star; a lifetime of adventure—Roy Chapman Andrews.

On Canadian Poetry — Edward Killoran Brown.

The Conquest of North Africa, 1940-1943—Alexander Clifford.

Anger in the Sky—Susan Ertz.

We Followed Our Hearts To Hollywood—Emily Kimbrough.

SUGAR 'n' SPICE



by **RUTH HENDER JOHNSTON B.Sc.**
HYDRO'S HOME SERVICE DIRECTOR

With January here, let's take stock of our meal-making and consider a few possible resolutions that will make our dining table something to look forward to. A new twist or two encourages the appetite of everyone from the pickiest child to the fussiest adult . . . Here goes!

I, Mrs. Housekeeper Resolve:

1. To make good meals, especially the dinners.
2. To plan in advance, never having a hit and miss meal.
3. To make sure my family gets its quota of milk and fresh fruits and vegetables.
4. To put color in my menus, never serving white fish, parsnips and mashed potatoes at one sitting.
5. To include at least one favorite dish in each meal.
6. To learn new ways of cooking certain vegetables that aren't particularly popular.
7. To learn at least one completely new recipe each week.
8. To use original touches on commonplace dishes, in the form of a garnish or a different flavor.
9. To use my rations carefully, never leaving my family with two days to go and no butter.
10. To keep mealtime pleasant; arguments lose their strength after a good meal.

OLD JOKES HOME

Tommy came home from school with a black eye.

"What have you been up to?" his mother demanded.

"I've been fighting Bill Briggs," Tommy confessed.

"Well, take him some cake and make friends."

Tommy did so, but in the afternoon he came home with another black eye.

"Good gracious!" his mother exclaimed. "What has happened now?"

"He did it again," Tommy said sadly. "And he wants more cake tomorrow."

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Jack: "My faith could move a mountain."

Jill: "Then you had better apply some of it to those ashes in the basement."

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MANITOBA CURLERS HELP PRISONERS OF WAR

Once again, the Manitoba Curling Association is doing a big job for the Red Cross. This year, members are raising a Prisoner-of-War Parcels Fund and every membership ticket sold sends a Red Cross parcel to a Manitoba prisoner of war. When a curler invites you to buy a ticket, remember the cause—it's to bring comfort to men who were captured fighting for you.

